IAP6 Rec'd PCT/PTO 16 DEC 2005

DOCKET NO.: 281879US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Livius COTARCA, et al.

SERIAL NO.: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

FILED: HEREWITH

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP04/06513

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: June 17, 2004

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PURIFICATION OF GABAPENTIN

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119 AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

COUNTRY

APPLICATION NO

DAY/MONTH/YEAR

20 June 2003

MI2003A 001247 Italy

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention application(s) were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application No. PCT/EP04/06513. Receipt of the certified copy(s) by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

> Respectfully submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon Attorney of Record

Registration No. 24,618

Surinder Sachar

Registration No. 34,423

Corwin P. Umbach, Ph.D. Registration No. 40,211

Customer Number 22850

(703) 413-3000 Fax No. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 08/03)